



PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD - FORM A

Corporation for
**NATIONAL &
COMMUNITY
SERVICE** 

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CERTIFYING ORGANIZATION APPLICATION FORM

This form **MUST** be completed by any organization that is interested in presenting the *President's Volunteer Service Award*. **This form is for first-time registrants only.** Please fax completed forms to **1-202-729-8033**. If you would like to mail this form, please send it to the address at the bottom of the page.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ FAX _____
WEBSITE _____

CONTACT PERSON FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

NAME _____
TITLE _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Is this an _____ Independent Organization or _____ Organization's Headquarters or _____ Chapter Location?

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION *(please check all that apply)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College/ University | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Union | <input type="checkbox"/> State Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based | <input type="checkbox"/> National Service Org. | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fraternity/ Sorority | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Development Org. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(please specify)</i> _____ | | |

PRIMARY SERVICE AREA(s)

- Youth Achievement**
Includes volunteer activities such as mentoring, coaching, tutoring, improving literacy in areas such as reading and finance, and volunteering to keep young people engaged academically in education.
- Parks and Open Spaces**
Includes volunteer efforts to conserve and protect our parklands and gardens, neighborhood cleanups and creating safe playgrounds. It also includes creating safe and meaningful experiences and outdoor activities for individuals to enjoy the environment and our natural resources.
- Healthy Communities**
Includes volunteer efforts to help the elderly, disabled, diseased, hungry or homeless, and to improve the economic health of of the community. These could include volunteering for health and nutrition education services, immunization campaigns, resume building, career training, disease screenings, hospital support, blood drives, veterans outreach, working with local public health programs, micro-enterprise and business development.
- Public Safety & Emergency Response**
Includes volunteer efforts for individuals and families to make their homes, and their communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds. It includes preparedness training, volunteer firefighters, and the Citizen Corps programs like Citizen Corps Councils, Neighborhood Watch, Medical Reserve Corps, Volunteers in Police Service and CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams).
- Global Health & Prosperity**
Includes international volunteer efforts by American professional serving abroad through non-governmental organizations and companies to share their skills in the following areas: agriculture, capacity building, economic growth, education, HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, health care, information technology, natural resources, clean water, women & youth empowerment.

How many *President's Volunteer Service Awards* do you plan to award? _____ 2006 _____ 2007 _____ 2008

(Optional Information)

Number of volunteers active with your organization annually? _____

Does your Organization have a formal membership program? _____ yes _____ no

Briefly describe the organization's focus or mission. _____

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1400 I Street, N.W. Suite 800
Washington DC 20005

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Privacy Act Notice: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires that the following notice be provided to you. The authority for collecting this information is contained in Executive Order 13285, signed January 29, 2003. The principle purpose for collecting this information is to recognize individuals, schools and organizations that excel in their efforts to support volunteer service and civic participation, especially with respect to students in primary and secondary schools, and institutions of higher learning. The information will be used to select winners of the President's Volunteer Service Awards and the Call to Service Awards. Nominations for these awards are voluntary. All information that is provided to the Corporation and its administrating organization will not otherwise be disclosed to entities outside of the Corporation without the approval of the individual or organization nominated for the award.

Instructions for FORM A (Certifying Organization Application Form)

All President's Volunteer Service Awards must be verified and issued through institutions which we call Certifying Organizations (CO). CO may include faith-based institutions, schools, higher education, nonprofit and community-based organization, businesses, labor unions, civic or service clubs, membership and trade associations, and federal, state or local government agencies. This form is for first-time CO registrants.

To qualify as a CO, an organization must:

- Be legally established and located within the United States, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a United States territory;
- Agree to review and verify the records of service of prospective individual and family/group recipients, and then distribute the award only to those who meet the established criteria;
- Either directly or through sponsorship pay for each Award package that it requests.

Organization Information:

Please fill out organizational information, giving full address, including city, state and zip, phone number, and website if available.

Contact Person:

It is important to fill in information for the person responsible for coordinating and submitting nominations and order forms. Please include email address.

Please indicate whether your organization is an independent organization, an organizational headquarters, or a local chapter location of a regional or national organization.

Type of Organization:

Please check the box or boxes that most appropriately describes your organization.

Primary Service Area:

Descriptive information under each category provides examples of appropriate activities. This is meant to be descriptive rather than exclusive and describes some specific activities that would qualify.

How many President's Volunteer Service Awards do you plan to award? Please provide an estimate of how many awards you plan to give out for each year. These numbers are meant only to help plan for future years. Providing these numbers does not obligate your organization in any way!

Optional Information:

Number of volunteers active with your organization annually? Please provide an estimate of the number of volunteers who participate in your organization. This number will include ongoing volunteers as well as those who participate only in special projects.

Is your organization a membership organization? Please indicate if your organization has a formal membership or affiliate program.